

Remarks:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office action dated March 10, 2005 in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Prior to entry of the present Amendment, claims 1-21 remained pending in the application. Claims 1-19 stand rejected variously in view of Black et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0198251) and Chin et al. (US Patent No. 6,000,020). Claims 20 and 21 have been allowed.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9 and 11-12, 14-15, 17 and 18 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Black et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0198251). Claim 19 is finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based on Chin et al. (US Patent No. 6,000,020). Claims 4, 10 and 13 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on Black et al. in view of Chin et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), 35 U.S.C. 102(b), and 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Nevertheless, in the interest of furthering prosecution of the present application, applicant has cancelled claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12, 15-17 and 19 without prejudice. Claims 2, 4, 5 have been amended to depend from claim 20, which has been indicated allowable. Claims 10, 11, 13, 14 and 18 have been amended to depend from claims 21, which also has been indicated allowable.

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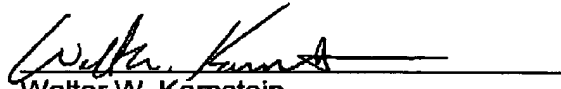
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Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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